

Application No. 10/027,934
Amendment dated July 3, 2006
Reply to Office action of February 1, 2006

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REMARKS

Description of amendments

Applicant has amended claims 3 and 15, and cancelled claims 4-9, 11-13, and 17-21. Claims 1, 3, and 14-16 are pending

Allowed and allowable claims

Applicant appreciates that the Examiner has allowed claims 1 and 14. Applicant has amended claims 3 and 15 to depend from claims 1 and 3, respectively. Accordingly, claims 3 and 15 are allowable. As a result, claim 16 is also allowable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 4-9, 11-13, and 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roberts (U.S. Patent 4,829,578) in view of Basburg-Ertem (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0041678). The cancellation of claims 4-9, 11-13, and 17-21 renders the rejection moot.


In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

Respectfully submitted,

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